

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, APRIL 22	9:30AM	Prayer Time
	10:00AM	Sunday School
	11:00AM	Worship
	6:30PM	Disciples Bible Study
	6:30PM	CrossFire
MONDAY, APRIL 23	6:30PM	Interval Training
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25	6:30-7:30PM	Wednesday Night Activities
	7:30PM	Choir Practice
SATURDAY, APRIL 28	9:00AM	Interval Training

Sunday, April 15, 2018

Sunday School	68
Worship	122
Offering	\$5,108.00
Received YTD	\$109,104.24
Needed YTD	\$101,239.05
Needed Weekly	\$6,749.27
Difference	+\$7,865.19
Cemetery Fund (2/27/2018)	\$2,473.96
Capital Imp. Received	\$140.00
Capital Imp. Fund Balance	\$93,942.89

SERVANT MINISTRIES

Nursery Workers Today	Dot DeYoung & Jannett Eason
Nursery Workers April 29	Myra Boland & Amy Tobin
Children's Church Today	Kelle Waters & Katy Lee
Children's Church April 29	Amy Blackwell & April Brunson
Head Usher Today	Eddie Bright
Head Usher April 29	Rick Christopher

SCA Staff

Kay Bright	Bailey Cox
Melissa Farmer	Lisa Welch
Laura Williams	Stephanie Wykel

LECTIONARY TEXTS

Sunday, April 29
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8



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CHURCH STAFF:

Rev. Bryson Williams, Jr., Pastor

Mary Jo Bradley, Secretary

Katie Stewart, Music Director

Clara Godfrey, Pianist

Bill Lee, Organist

Amy Blackwell, Children's Co-Director

Kelle Waters, Children's Co-Director

Debra Fowler, Custodian

Grey Pennell, Director of Student Ministries

Laura Williams, Preschool Director

OUR MISSION STATEMENT – Sharon United Methodist Church glorifies God as a friendly, caring, Christ-centered fellowship with strong family and spiritual values working to grow our church, our community, and our world one disciple at a time.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 22, 2018

11:00AM

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

—John 10:11-18

We Gather To Worship God

Prelude

Bill Lee, Organist

Announcements

Rev. Bryson Williams

*Call To Worship

"His Name Is Wonderful"

UMH #174

His name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, his name is wonderful, Jesus, my Lord. He is the mighty King, Master of everything; his name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord. He's the great Shepherd, the Rock of all ages, almighty God is he; bow down before him, love and adore him, his name is wonderful, Jesus my Lord.

*Opening Hymn

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

UMH #140

We Praise God

*Affirmation of Faith

"The Apostles' Creed"

UMH #881

*Passing of the Peace

Old Testament Reading

"Psalm 23"

Pew Bible, p.474(O.T.)

Offering

The Offertory

Bill Lee, Organist

*Doxology

UMH #95

*The Offertory Prayer

Children's Message

Amy Blackwell

(Sing "Jesus Loves Me" as the children return to their seat.) Jesus Loves Me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

The Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Rev. Bryson Williams

Holy Land Reflection

Katie Stewart

Anthem

"Love Lifted Me"

Choir

We Hear God's Word

New Testament Reading

"John 10:11-18"

Pew Bible, p.97(N.T.)

Sermon

"The Good Shepherd"

Rev. Bryson Williams

We Go Forth To Serve God In The Worship

*Closing Hymn

"He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" (v. 1,3,4) UMH #128

*Benediction

Rev. Bryson Williams

*Benediction Response

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

(v.1) UMH #474

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

*Postlude

*The Congregation standing. If it is uncomfortable for you to stand, please remain seated and continue your participation.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The flowers are placed in the church for the Glory of God.

WELCOME: Good morning and welcome to all guests, members, youth and children worshipping with us today. We are glad that you decided to join us for worship! We hope you will experience the hope and love of Jesus Christ as we worship together. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to become a part of the Sharon family.

ON-GOING PRAYER-SHARON UMC FAMILY

APRIL 22, 2018

Ben Brockman
Frank & Ruby Vaughn
Roie Johnson
Margaret DeYoung
Dorothy McHugh
Gregg & Martha Gowan
Gerald & Ruth Snow
Dot Pearson
Doris Wade

ON-GOING PRAYER – SHARON UMC FRIENDS

Matthew Tucker, friend of Clara Godfrey
Jackie Keith, friend of Leslie Roper
Richard Lanford, friend of Pat Burgess
Deborah Howard, friend of Denise Belcher
Dawn Bond, friend of Denise Belcher
Myleigh McDowell, friend of Denise Belcher
Eddie Cooper, Pastor at Apalache Baptist Church
John Tomlanovich, friend of Rob & Amy Lancaster
Malik Johnson
Sharon Community Cupboard
Sharon Christian Academy

IN NURSING HOME/SHUT IN

Dora Edwards
Betty Jean Brockman
June Gossett
J. B. Waddell

OUR MILITARY

Erin Pennell
Jonathan Houck, Chuck and Debi Hembree’s grandson
Jamie Matekaitis, Rob & Amy Lancaster’s son-in-law

FOOD COLLECTIONS:

*Sharon’s Community Cupboard –
Spaghetti Noodles, individual packs of grits and oatmeal and
individual packs (not cups) of Ramen noodles.*

ON-GOING PRAYER FOR SHARON FAMILY RELATIVES

Mike West	Joyce Lee’s son
Shelby Hendrix	Jackie Floyd and Allen Sheriff’s sister
Steve Farmer	Katy Lee’s father
Dottie Currin	Brian Harrison’s sister
Mary & Bill Ruppe	Suzie Horn’s mother & step-father
Sharon Lee	Dot Pearson’s sister

MISSIONARIES IN ACTION

Asia Minor - Steve, Jean, Jordan & Davis Dunlap
Thailand - Todd, Pam, Sidney, Ashley, Noah & Hannah Grace Attaway

MEMORIALS

Richard Swift by Ken & Darlene DeYoung

MISSION PRAYER FOCUS: This week we pray for Armenia. Armenia was for many centuries an independent nation and kingdom that in some periods of its history extended far beyond its present geographical location in the South Caucasus. It adopted Christianity as the official religion in 301, and thus became the first Christian nation of the world. From 1920 onwards, Armenia was a republic in the Soviet Union. It regained its independence in 1991. The country is in the process of rebuilding its economy. The Armenian Apostolic Church is by and large the majority church.

STRETCH CLASS AND WALKING IN THE GYM: On Tuesday and Thursday there is a stretch class in the gym at 10:00AM. You can also come and walk in the gym during this time. This is a low impact stretch class and some great fellowship!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Mark your calendars now for VBS, June 10-14. Invite your neighbors and friends.

“Dearly Departed”: The 50+ invites you to join them for an evening of Laughter, Fun and Fellowship on Sunday, May 27th for the 3:00PM performance followed by supper at Coach House Restaurant. This is a production put on by the Mill Town Players in Pelzer, SC. We will meet at the church at 1:15 and leave at 1:30PM. Church bus will be provided. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Gathering Space with more information.

UPPER ROOM: The Upper Rooms for May/June are on the table in the front foyer and on the table in the gathering space. Pick up your copy today!

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NURSERY FOR OUR CHILDREN: Parents, we are so glad that you are our guest today. We have a nursery for our children. The nursery is for newborn to three years old, and is located on the main floor in the gathering space. If you need help with locating the nursery, please see one of our greeters in the narthex. We are so glad that your family came to worship with us today!

SHARON CHRISTIAN ACADEMY: 2018-2019 registration is currently underway. If you or someone you know would like to register a child, contact the preschool office at 864-879-1763 or see Laura for a form.

We have a few spots open for the remainder of this school year. Contact us if you are interested.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: S.C. Annual Conference is June 3-6 at the TD Convention Center. Volunteers are needed to make the experience welcoming and smooth for our Methodist guests from across the State. There are a number of opportunities to serve: ushers, greeters, drivers and registration. Go to UMCSC.org to find out more and to register. Sound exciting? It is!

CAR SHOW: Volunteers are needed for the “Car Show” on May 12. If you would like to volunteer to help, please sign up on the sheet in The Gathering Space or call Suzie Horn at 864-680-1302.